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UM AWARD GOES TO FORT BENTON RESIDENT

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Fort Benton pharmacist James A. Willits is the first recipient of the University of Montana School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Science's Professional and Community Service Alumni Achievement Award.

Willits graduated from the University's pharmacy program in 1967. He has owned Benton Pharmacy since 1973.

The Montana State Pharmacy Association chose Willits as their 1999 Pharmacist of the Year. He also received the association's 2001 Montana Bowl of Hygeia award for outstanding community service.

David S. Forbes, dean of UM's pharmacy school, said Willits has made significant contributions to UM, noting especially his service on the Board of Visitors and his help in fund-raising efforts for the University's Skaggs Building, home of the pharmacy school since January 2000. Forbes will present the award to Willits at the school's annual fall social in October.

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